

**From:** (b) (6)  
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**To:** HarborComments  
**Subject:** Portland Needs a Healthy River not a Superfund Toxic Site

Dear Administrator Gina McCarthy,

Everyone agrees and the science is in. The Willamette River Superfund area is a hazard. The currently proposed draft clean up plan simply doesn't address the problem. It will leave more than 85 percent of the 2,100 acre Superfund area contaminated with PCBs, DDT, mercury, arsenic, lead and other toxic substances.

Many of the poorest people in our community subsistence fish in the Willamette. Other citizens allow their pets and children to play in the river. The corporations who profited while causing damage to the river owe it to this community to make our river safe to play in and fish in and they deserve to be able to fish without fear of consuming toxins.

I am asking you to do the following:

1. EPA should select Alternative G with additional dredging in areas of high human use, areas of high ecological value, and areas where there is high risk of recontamination of the river.
2. EPA should set much clearer timelines and metrics for success including setting an explicit date by which Portland Harbor specific fish consumption advisories will be lifted.
3. EPA should select an alternative that allows all members of our community to eat fish safely from our river, including women of childbearing age and children.
4. EPA's cleanup plan should include the heavily contaminated uplands as well as the heavily contaminated river.
5. EPA should do a much better job of addressing environmental justice issues, including reviewing and correcting significant deficiencies in its public engagement strategies for future phases of the Superfund process and delineating strategies for ensuring the jobs, economic benefits and other benefits associated with the Superfund process to the local community and particularly to underserved communities that have been impacted by contamination in Portland Harbor.
6. EPA should eliminate the confined disposal facility which would create a permanent toxic waste dump in our river.

Please do the right thing for Portlanders, not polluters, and give us a cleanup plan that will result in a clean and healthy river.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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